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INTRODUCTION

The Bonneville cutthroat trout (BCT) is a unique subspecies of the cutthroat trout complex native to the Bonneville Basin. During the Pleistocene, Lake Bonneville and its drainage covered parts of Utah, Nevada, Idaho, and Wyoming. Historically, BCT occurred throughout this drainage. With desiccation of ancient Lake Bonneville, BCT became restricted to headwater streams and lakes with suitable trout habitat. Human activities such as water development, agricultural activities, energy development, mining, timber harvesting, grazing, over fishing and the introduction of non-indigenous species have directly impacted BCT populations and altered the Bonneville Basin ecosystem. Because of the tenuous status of remaining BCT populations and habitat, BCT conservation efforts have been directed through federal, state and local agencies.

The Conservation Agreement and Strategy for Bonneville Cutthroat Trout (*Oncorhynchus clarki utah*) in the State of Utah (Lentsch et al., 1997) (Conservation Agreement) was developed to expedite implementation of conservation measures for BCT in Utah as a collaborative and cooperative effort among resource agencies. Threats that warrant BCT listing as a sensitive species by state and federal agencies and as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, should be eliminated through implementation of the Conservation Agreement.

PURPOSE

The success of any conservation or recovery program depends on eliminating or reducing the impact of activities that threaten the species existence. The Conservation Agreement outlines a list of actions, by Geographic Management Unit, that would eliminate or reduce threats to BCT persistence. The purpose of the annual progress report is to summarize implementation of the outlined activities that occurred during 1996 and 1997.

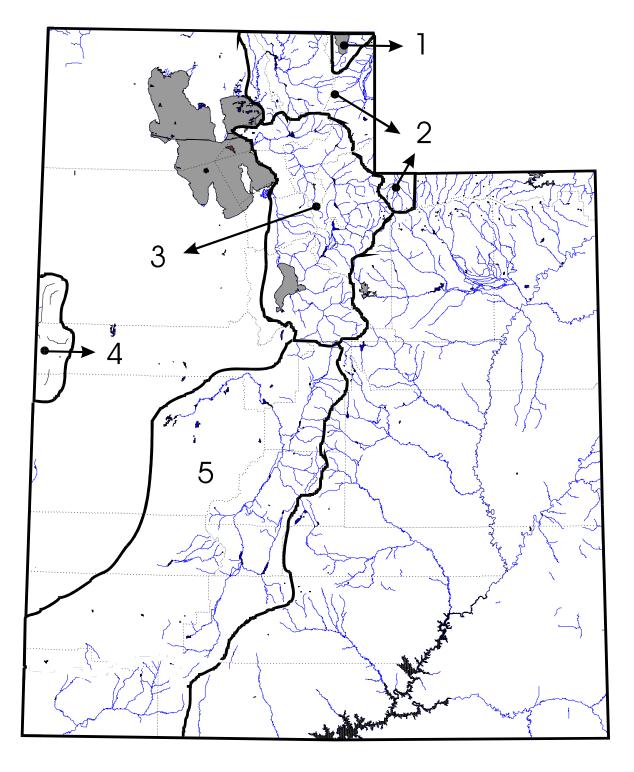


Figure 1. Geographic Management Units designated for BCT conservation within the State of Utah. 1=Bear Lake; 2=Bear River; 3=Northern Bonneville; 4=West Desert; 5=Southern Bonneville.

BEAR LAKE MANAGEMENT UNIT

Unit description:

Bear Lake is a natural lake that is at least 23,000 years old. It covers 70,000 surface acres and averages 80 feet deep. Bear Lake is bisected by the Utah-Idaho state line. Historically, Bear Lake was an oligotrophic, nitrogen limited, terminal lake with a pH exceeding 8.0. However, diversion of the Bear River into Bear Lake for irrigation water storage since 1917 is altering Bear Lake chemistry. Bear Lake's native fish community includes a lacustrine form of BCT that is pisciverous and relatively long lived (Nielson and Lentsch 1988). In addition, the lake contains four endemic species of whitefish, cisco and sculpin.

Table 1. Conservation actions implemented within the Bear Lake GMU.

State Water ID #	Reach	Implemented Conservation Actions
IVAQ405	Bear Lake	The Lake population is monitored annually. Monitoring did occur in 1996 and 1997.
IVAQ120B	Swan Creek	Bear Lake cutthroat population observed spawning in Swan Creek again in 1996 and 1997. 200,000 fry introduced in 1997 from broodstock operations.
IVAQ120C	Big Spring Creek	Population monitoring occurred in 1996 and 1997. Habitat enhancement occurred in 1997 and will occur in 1998.
IVAQ120D	Laketown Creek	14 adults introduced from North Eden Creek during 1997. Population monitoring occurs annually.
IVAQ120F	North Eden Creek	Habitat enhancement planned for 1997 sportfish population did not occur due to resistance by private property owners. Survey to monitor resident stream population is scheduled for 1998.

BEAR RIVER MANAGEMENT UNIT

Unit Description:

This GMU is characterized by aspen and subalpine fir/spruce forests and willow dominated meadows. Lower elevations may be dominated by sagebrush communities. Elevation ranges from 5,000 to 11,000 feet. Stream gradient ranges from high gradient in canyon reaches to low gradient in meadows. Hydrology of streams are characterized by high spring runoff peaks during snowmelt and low to intermittent fall and winter base flows.

For management purposes, the Bear River Management Unit was divided into three geographic subunits: 1) Uinta Mountains and Upper Bear River drainage, 2)Rich County drainage and 3) Cache Valley drainage.

Table 2. Conservation actions implemented within the Uinta Mountains/ Upper Bear River subunit.

	•	hin the Uinta Mountains/ Upper Bear River subunit.
State Water ID #	Reach	Implemented Conservation Actions
IVAQ230	Drainage: Mill Creek - main Mill Creek	-Surveyed and genetic samples collected in 1994. Habitat enhancement activities occurred during 1996.
IVAQ230C	- Carter Creek	
IVAQ230E	- McKenzie Creek	W12.4 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
IVAQ230F	- North Fork	-Habitat enhancement originally planned for 1998 but no funding is available
IVAQ230B	- Deadman Creek	
IVAQ230A	- Christmas Tree Creek	-Survey and collect genetic sample planned for 1998 (with USFS).
IVAQ230	- Lost Dog Creek	-Survey and collect genetic sample planned for 1998 (with USFS).
WA 0250	Drainage: East Fork	Constitution collected in 1004. Constitution and mission of small
IVAQ250	- main East Fork	-Genetic samples collected in 1994. Genetic analysis preformed in 1995
IVAQ250A	- Boundary Creek	-Genetic samples collected in 1994. Genetic analysis preformed in 1995
IVAQ250Q	- Left Hand Fork	-Genetic samples collected in 1994. Genetic analysis preformed in 1995.
IVAQ250P	- Right Hand Fork	-Genetic samples collected in 1994. Genetic analysis preformed in 1995.
	Drainage: Stillwater Fork	
IVAQ260	- Stillwater Fork	-Surveyed and genetic sample collected in 1994awaiting genetic analysis.
1771Q200	- Main Fork	-Surveyed and genetic sample collected in 1994awaiting
IVAQ260A	1120111	genetic analysis.
	Drainage: Hayden	
W. A. O.	Fork	
IVAQ270	- main Hayden Fork	
IVAQ270A	- Gold Hill Creek	
IVAQ240O1	Drainage: West Fork - West Fork (above	-Habitat enhancement planned for 1998 but will not occur due to
	reservoir)	insufficient funds.
IVAQ240B	- Mill City Creek	
IVAQ240C	- Humpy Creek	
IVAQ240D	- Meadow Creek - Deer Creek	Survey and collect constite comple planned for 1000
IVAQ240A	- Deel Cleek	-Survey and collect genetic sample planned for 1998.

Table 3. Conservation actions implemented within the Rich County subunit.

State Water ID #	Reach	Implemented Conservation Actions
IVAQ200B IVAQ20002 IVAQ200O3 IV407 IVAQ200D 01 IVAQ200C	Woodruff Creek drainage - Sugar Pine - below Woodruff Reservoir - above Woodruff Reservoir - Woodruff Reservoir - Big Spring Fork	-Postpone further survey work until genetic analysis for Woodruff Reservoir sample is completeSurveyed and sample collected in 1997 for genetic analysisSurveyed in 1996 and evaluated for restoration and broodstock potential, also sample collected for genetic analysisSurveyed in 1996 and evaluated for restoration and broodstock potential, also sample collected for genetic analysis.
Private land	Deseret Land/Livestock - Saleratus Reservoir - Dip Reservoir - Mecham Creek	-Fish introduced from Sugar Pine Creek in 1996. Population monitored bi-annually in 1997Fish introduced from Sugar Pine Creek in 1996. Population monitored bi-annually in 1997Fish introduced from Sugar Pine Creek in 1996. Population monitored bi-annually in 1997.

Table 4. Conservation actions implemented within the Cache Valley subunit.

State Water ID #	Reach	n the Cache Valley subunit. Implemented Conservation Actions
IVAQ040A IVAQ040AO701	Logan River - main Logan River - Right Hand Fork	
IVAQO40AO701 IVAQO40AO8	- Temple Fork	-Surveyed in 1996 to detect presence of BCT, also evaluated
TVAQO+0AO0	- Temple Fork	for restoration and broodstock potential. Habitat enhancement (\$300,000 road repair/USFS) planned for 1998.
IVAQ040AO802	- Spawn Creek	-Surveyed in 1996 to detect presence of BCT, also evaluated for restoration and broodstock potential.
IVAQ040A0901	- Bear Hollow (Twin Creek)	
IVAQ040A1001	- West Hodges Creek	
IVAQ040A1201	- Little Bear Creek	-Surveyed in 1996 to detect presence of BCT, also evaluated for restoration and broodstock potential.
IVAQ040A1301	- Tony Grove Creek	
IVAQ040A1401	- Bunchgrass Creek	-Surveyed in 1996 to detect presence of BCT, also evaluated for restoration and broodstock potential.
IVAQ040A1501 IVAQ040A1601	- White Pine Creek - Beaver Creek	
	- High Creek	-Surveyed in 1997. Survey headwaters to collect genetic sample /USFS planned for 1998.
	-Millville/Summit Creek	-Surveyed in 1997, hybrids observed thus no sample taken.
	-Smithfield Canyon -Providence Creek	-Surveyed in 1997, hybrids observed thus no sample takenSurveyed in 1997 but only brown trout observed thus no sample taken.
	- City Creek - Cherry Creek	-Survey and collect genetic sample/USFS planned for 1998Survey and collect genetic sample/USFS planned for 1998.

IVAQ040A2A IVAQ040A03A01	Blacksmith and Little Bear drainages - main Blacksmith Fork - Left Hand Fork - headwater tributaries	
IVAQ040D02	- East Fk. of the Little	Left and Right Hand Fork of the Little Bear River were
	Bear above Porcupine	surveyed in 1994 and genetic samples were collected.
	Reservoir	Suggested to Tech. Committee to drop from needs list due to
		a poor road crossing.
IVAQ040	-Saddle Creek	-Surveyed in 1996 to detect presence of BCT. Also
		evaluated for restoration and broodstock potential and
		genetic samples collected.
IVAQ040	-Rock Creek	-Surveyed in 1996 to detect presence of BCT. Also
		evaluated for restoration and broodstock potential and
		genetic samples collected.
IVAQ040	-Curtis Creek	-Genetic samples collected in 1997.
IVAQ040	-Wolf Creek	-Surveyed in 1997, hybrids observed, thus no sample taken.

NORTHERN BONNEVILLE MANAGEMENT UNIT

Unit Description:

The North Bonneville Management Unit ranges in elevation from 5,000 to approximately 10,000 feet. The vegetational community is characterized by high desert sagebrush at lower elevations, and aspen and subalpine fir/spruce communities at higher elevations. Riparian areas are generally dominated by willows or mountain maples and gamble oak. Stream gradient ranges from extremely high alpine streams to low gradient meadow meanders. Lower elevation areas have extensive agricultural and urban development whereas inaccessible high elevation areas tend to be more pristine. Habitat condition is highly variable among drainages and streams.

For management purposes, the Northern Bonneville Management Unit was divided into four management subunits: 1) the Ogden River drainage; 2) the Weber River drainage; 3) the Jordan River drainage; 4) the Utah Lake/ Provo River drainage.

Table 5. Conservation actions implemented within the Ogden River subunit.

State Water ID #	Reach	Implemented Conservation Actions
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IVAP030D0601	Ogden River - Cutler Creek - Cobble Creek - Middle Fork	
IVAP030B0301	- Wheatgrass Creek	-Surveyed in 1996 to detect presence of BCT. Also
		evaluated for restoration and broodstock potential and genetic samples collected.
IVAP030B0501	- Left Fork of South	-Surveyed in 1996 to detect presence of BCT. Also
	Fork Ogden River	evaluated for restoration and broodstock potential and genetic samples collected.
IVAP030B0401	- Right Fork Ogden	-Surveyed in 1996 to detect presence of BCT. Also
IVAP030A	River - Wheeler Creek	evaluated for restoration and broodstock potential.
IVAPUSUA	- wheeler Creek	

Table 6. Conservation actions implemented within the Weber River subunit.

State Water ID #	Reach	Implemented Conservation Actions
IVAP080A01 IVAP070A01 IVAP100 IVAP06001 IVAP090 IVAP130	Lower Weber River - Arbuckle Creek - Gordon Creek - Dalton Creek - Strawberry Creek - Peterson Creek - Line Creek - Beus Creek - Burch Creek	-Surveyed, genetic sample collected-1996Surveyed, genetic sample colected-1996Surveyed, only 1 fish encountered (rainbow), no sample taken-1997Surveyed-1997, Resurvey, collect genetic sample /USFS-1998Survey, collect sample for genetic analysis/USFS-1998.

IVAP150A0201 IVAP150A0401 IVAP330E01 IVAP150A0601 IVAP150L01 IVAP150O01 IVAP150P01 IVAP150Q01 IVAP140	East Canyon Creek - Arthurs Fork - Walton Creek - Shingle Mill Creek - Hardscrabble Creek - Beaver Creek - Toll Creek - Two Mile Creek - Three Mile Creek - N.F. Deep Creek	-Surveyed, genetic sample collected-1997Surveyed, genetic sample collected-1997Surveyed, genetic sample collected-1997Surveyed, genetic sample collected-1997Surveyed, insufficient flows to maintain trout-1997Survey, collect genetic sample-1998Survey, collect genetic sample-1998Survey, collect genetic sample-1998Surveyed, genetic samples collected-1996.
IVAP140 IVAP140	- N.F. Deep Creek	-Surveyed, genetic samples collected-1996Surveyed, genetic samples collected-1996.
IVAP180G01 IVAP180C01 IVAP180D01 IVAP180F01	Lost Creek - Blue Fork Creek - Guildersleeve Creek - Hell Canyon - Killfoil Creek	-Surveyed, fishless-1994Surveyed, insufficient flows to maintain trout-1994Surveyed, insufficient flows to maintain trout-1994.
IVAP210A01	Echo Creek - Sawmill Creek	Survey, collect genetic sample-1998.
IVAP23002	Chalk Creek - East Fork Chalk Creek	Survey, collect genetic sample-1998.

	Upper Weber River	
	- Bob Young Creek	
IVAP38001	- Stillman Creek	
IVAP39001	- Red Pine Creek	-Surveyed in 1996 to detect presence of BCT. Also
IVAP41001		evaluated for restoration/ broodstock potential and
		genetic sample collected.
	- Gardners Creek	-Surveyed, genetic sample collected-1996
IVAP450A01	- South Fork of Weber	-Surveyed in 1996 to detect presence of BCT. Also
IVAP35001	River	evaluated for restoration and broodstock potential.
	- Smith Morehouse	-Surveyed, genetic sample collected-1996.
IVAP400	Creek	Ι
	- Moffitt Creek	-Surveyed, genetic sample collected, analyzed-1982.
IVAP430	- Beaver Creek tribs.	zaz rejeu, genette sampte eentettea, anatyzeu 170 2 .
IVAP330	- Noblett's Creek	-Surveyed in 1996 to detect presence of BCT. Also
IVAP35001	1 toolett 5 Cleek	evaluated for restoration and broodstock potential.
17711 33001	- Pullem Creek	-Surveyed in 1996 to detect presence of BCT. Also
IVAP350D01	T unom Crock	evaluated for restoration and broodstock potential.
1711 330201	- White Pine Creek	-Surveyed in 1996 to detect presence of BCT. Also
IVAP350B01	White I me creek	evaluated for restoration and broodstock potential.
1 V 1 H 330 B 0 1	- Welch Creek	-Surveyed in 1996 to detect presence of BCT. Also
IVAP	Welch Cleek	evaluated for restoration and broodstock potential.
17711	- Maxwells Creek	-Surveyed in 1996 to detect presence of BCT. Also
IVAP350C01	Widawens Creek	evaluated for restoration and broodstock potential.
1 V 1 H 330C01	- Erickson Creek	-Surveyed in 1996 to detect presence of BCT. Also
IVAP	- Literson Cicer	evaluated for restoration and broodstock potential.
IVA	- Box Canyon Creek	-Surveyed in 1996 to detect presence of BCT. Also
IVAP	- Box Carryon Creek	evaluated for restoration/broodstock potential and genetic
IVAI		sample collected.
	- South Fork (lower)	-Surveyed in 1996 to detect presence of BCT. Also
IVAP350	Weber River	
IVAP330	weder River	evaluated for restoration/broodstock potential and genetic
	Courth Foult (umman)	sample collected.
IVA D250	- South Fork (upper) Weber River	-Surveyed in 1996 to detect presence of BCT. Also
IVAP350	weber River	evaluated for restoration/broodstock potential and genetic
	D. F. I C 1	sample collected.
TV A D 4 4 0	- Dry Fork Creek	-Surveyed in 1996 to detect presence of BCT. Also
IVAP440	Lambaa Coost	evaluated for restoration and broodstock potential.
IVA D420	- Larabee Creek	-Surveyed in 1996 to detect presence of BCT. Also
IVAP420	Main Frad 537 1	evaluated for restoration and broodstock potential.
IVA D250	- Main Fork/Weber	-Surveyed in 1996 to detect presence of BCT. Also
IVAP350	River	evaluated for restoration and broodstock potential.
W/A D050	- Middle Fork/Weber	-Surveyed in 1996 to detect presence of BCT. Also
IVAP350	River	evaluated for restoration and broodstock potential.

Table 7. Conservation actions implemented within the Jordan River subunit.

State Water ID #	Reach	Implemented Conservation Actions
IVAA010	Jordan River - City Creek	-Surveyed, genetic sample collected in 1996. Habitat enhancement planned for 1998.
IVAA020	- Red Butte Creek	-Ongoing population monitoring. BCT occupy 4.9 stream miles as of 1997.
IV416	- Red Butte Reservoir	-BCT occupy 50 surface acres as of 1997.
IVAA030	- Emigration Canyon Creek	-Surveyed in 1997. Collect genetic sample and habitat analysis occurred in 1998.
IVAA040	- Parley's Creek	-Genetic sample collected in 1997. BCT occupy 2.0 stream miles. Spawn is used for reintroductions. Monitoring and habitat enhancement occurred in 1997.
IVAA040B	- Lamb's Canyon Creek	-Renovated in 1995. 2,500 fry introduced from Mt. Dell spawning activities in 1996. 5,000 fry introduced in 1997. BCT occupy 5.1 stream miles. Ongoing population monitoring. Surveyed and inventoried in 1996.
IV414AA	- Mtn. Dell Reservoir	-Genetic samples collected in 1995, 96, 97.
IVAA040A	- Mtn. Dell Creek	-Ongoing population monitoring, spawning trap activities spawned 32 pairs, genetic analysis in 1997. BCT occupy 6.3 stream miles.
IV414B	- Little Dell Reservoir	-BCT (transplanted from Parleys Creek) occupy 2,000 surface acres. Survey and habitat enhancement on upper Little Dell in 1997.
IVAA050	- Mill Creek (SLC)	-Surveyed in 1997.
IVAA09001	- Bell Canyon Creek	-Survey, collect genetic sample, and habitat analysis planned for 1998.
	- Deaf Smith Creek	BCT occupy 2.4 stream miles, ongoing monitoring

State Water ID #	Reach	Implemented Conservation Actions
VAA VAE010 VAE	Wasatch Front - Dry Creek - Grove Creek - Battle Creek	
VAB020	American Fork River - North Fork	Surveyed, genetic sample collected in 1996. Genetic analysis planned for 1998.
VAF070 VAF020 VAF190 VAF VAF220 VAF210 VAF	Provo River - Bench Creek - Little South Fork - South Fork Provo River - Boulder Creek - Soapstone Creek - Rock Creek - North Fork Provo River	-Colleted genetic sample in 1996sample lost. Resurvey and collect sample planned in 1998.forOngoing population monitoring. Genetic sample collected in 1997. BCT occupy 6.8 stream milesSurveyed, genetic sample collected in 1997Surveyed, genetic sample collected in 1995Surveyed, genetic sample collected in 1995Surveyed, genetic sample collected in 1995Surveyed, genetic sample collected in 1995.
VAJ020E01 VAJ01001	Hobble Creek - Wardsworth Creek - Right Fork of Hobble Creek	-Surveyed, genetic sample collected-1997Surveyed, genetic sample collected in 1995.
VAK020 02 VAK020H0101 VAK020H01 VAK020J01 VAK020J0101 VAK020J01A01 VAK040A VAK040I01 VAK040I01 VAK040F	Spanish Fork Diamond Fork Creek Fifth Water Sixth Water Hall's Fork Creek Chases Creek Shingle Mill Creek Lake Fork Creek So. Fk. Soldier Creek Bennion Creek Soldier Creek Tie Fork	-Surveyed and inventoried in 1996Surveyed, genetic sample collected-1997Surveyed and inventoried in 1996Surveyed, genetic sample collected-1997Surveyed, genetic sample collected in 1995Surveyed, genetic sample collected in 1995.
VAK030E01 VAK030E04 II783	Thistle Creek - Nebo Creek - Holman Creek - Strawberry Reservoir	-Genetic sample collected-1995, Genetic analysis-1998Surveyed, genetic sample collected in 1996.
VAN	Santaquin Creek	-No cutthroat in stream, only rainbow.

WEST DESERT MANAGEMENT UNIT

Unit Description:

The West Desert is comprised of streams in the western part of the Bonneville Basin. These streams flow from mountains to desert valleys where they historically became subterranean or intermittent. Currently, many of the streams are diverted at higher elevations for agricultural use. The only BCT habitat (historic or current) exists in small streams draining the relatively steep, small Deep Creek Mountain range.

The vegetational community in the Deep Creek Mountains is the characteristic high elevation, pinyon-juniper forests and sagebrush prairies. Riparian areas are commonly dominated by river birch and aspen. Elevation ranges from 6,000 to 9,000 feet for most streams. These relatively small, steep streams drain into the Snake River drainage.

Located on the west side of the Deep Creek Mountains is the Goshute Indian Reservation. This area is mineral rich; hence, the potential for future mining activities exists and could threaten BCT recovery efforts in this area. However, the relatively isolated location of these mountains has discouraged extreme human land use and water development.

Table 9. Conservation actions implemented within the West Desert GMU.

State Water ID #	Reach	Implemented Conservation Actions
	East slope	
IVAR370	- Trout Creek	-Spawning activities monitored. Fish moved from Trout
		into Tom's Creek. BCT occupy 6.1 stream miles. Ongoing monitoring implemented.
IVAR360	- Birch Creek	-BCT occupy 5.6 stream miles, ongoing monitoring.
IVAR380	- Granite Creek	-Nonnative control-1997.
IVAR390	- Cedar Creek	-Nonnative control-1997.
IVAR400	- Indian Farm Creek	-Nonnative control-1997.
IVAR410	- Tom's Creek	-Renovated in 1995. BCT introduced in 1996 and 1997.
		BCT occupy 6.3 stream miles. Ongoing population
		monitoring implemented.
IVAR420	- Basin Creek	-Renovate stream, nonnative control planned for 1998.

Not State waters	West slope	
Not State waters	West slope	
	(Goshute Reservation)	
	- South Fork of	-Survey, genetic sample collected-1995 & 1997
	Johnson Ck.	
	- Spring Creek	-Ponds built, habitat enhancement, BCT introduction-
		1997-no fishing 3-5 years.
	- Fifteen Mile Creek	-Pond construction, habitat enhancement and
		reintroduction planned for 1998.
	- Dad's Creek	-Habitat enhancement planned for 1998.
	- Steve's Creek	-Habitat enhancement planned for 1998.
	- Sam's Creek	
	- Bird Creek	-Ongoing monitoring of resident BCT population.
		Habitat enhancement planned for 1998.

SOUTHERN BONNEVILLE MANAGEMENT UNIT

Unit Description:

This GMU encompasses what was once the southwest area of pluvial Lake Bonneville. Today, this area comprises the Sevier River drainage, including the relatively discrete Beaver River drainage. The Southern Bonneville GMU also contains a portion of the Virgin River drainage. Although the Virgin River drains into the Colorado River system, the presence of BCT in some streams on the Pine Valley Mountains (a portion of the Virgin River basin) suggests a recent geologic stream capture event. The elevation of the Southern Bonneville GMU ranges from 5,000 to over 10,000 ft. This area is characterized by a high elevation desert climate with pinyon-juniper forests and sagebrush prairie. Stream hydrology approximates typical high mountain desert systems with spring flooding and low to intermittent fall and winter base flows.

Table 10. Conservation actions implemented within the Southern Bonneville GMU.

State Water ID #	Reach	Implemented Conservation Actions
IAA020C02	Virgin River - Reservoir Canyon	-Habitat enhancement, rotation grazing implemented in 1995-97.
IAA020C01	- Water Canyon	-Habitat enhancement implemented in 1988, 93, 95, 97. Livestock grazing reduced 25% in 1975.
IAA060B	- Leap Creek	-Habitat surveys/USFS completed in 1997 (including tribs Pig, Spirit, & Horse).
IAA060A	- South Ash Creek	-Habitat survey/USFS completed in 1997.
IAA040	- Leeds Creek	-Habitat survey/USFS completed in 1997. Renovation completed 1989. BCT occupy 11 of 12 stream miles.

VIAB050A2 VIAB070B2 VIAB010B VIAB070A	Beaver River - Birch Creek - Briggs Creek - Pine Creek - North Fork of North Creek	-Sample collected for disease check-1997, transplant 100 BCT from Birch to Sam Stowe Creek-1998 -Renovation completed 1992, BCT recruitment observed 1996 and 1997. BCT occupy 7 of 8 stream miles.
	Sevier River - Ranch Creek	-Stream enhancement occurred in 1997.
VIAA510M01	- Ranch Creek - Sam Stowe Creek	-Stream ennancement occurred in 1997. -Renovated stream and constructed fish barrier-1997.
VIAA310M01 VIAA360A	- Sain Stowe Creek	Reintroduction of BCT from Birch Creek-1998.
VIAASOOA	- Threemile Creek	-Habitat survey in 1997. Enhancement activities
VIAA680	(DeLong and Indian	occurred in 1989 (USFS/BLM). Renovation completed
V II II 1000	Hollow)	in 1994. Construct fish migration barrier planned for
	110110)	1998. BCT occupy 3 of 8 stream miles.
	- Manning Meadow	-Broodstock development. Egg take procedures
VIAA430	Reservoir	occurring 1992-98. Disease certification process (1996-
		98). Installed new spawning trap in 1997.
	- Manning Creek	-Renovated 1995 and 1996. BCT introduced in 1996
VIAA430		and 1997. Instream flow water rights enacted in 1997.
	- Deep Creek	-Sample collected for disease check in 1997. Road
VIAA510G01		closures, restrictive grazing practices, and restricted
		stream access are enforce as habitat enhancement
		processes. Habitat survey planned for 1998.

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